Mr. Prabhu's offer was not accepted because there are two branches, one in the Broadway and the other near the Huzur Jetty. So it was thought that there was no necessity for a new one.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I ask the question whether near the shop of Mr. C. G. Sreenivasa Prabhu there are many eating-houses and coffee clubs. Is that place not near Government Offices, boat jetty and othar places ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: There is another branch of the Cochin Restaurant very close to the public offices.

CENTRAL FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

258. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to give a list of the members of the Central Food Advisory Committee;

(*b*) will Government be pleased to give the names of those members who are producers of agricultural products ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

1. The Director of Food Supplies (Ex-Officio President)
2. The Deputy Director of Food Supplies, (Member)
3. M.R.Ry., Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan Avl., B.A., M. L. C.
4. ,, V. K. Bhaskara Menon Avl., B.A., B.Com., LL.B., M. L. C.
5. ,, K. T. Achuthan Avl., B.A., B.L., M. L. C.
6. ,, Rao Sahib M. Nanu Menon Avl., M. L. C.
7. ,, Joseph Petta Avl., M.A., (Hons) M. L. C.
8. ,, K. M. Ibrahim Avl., B.A., M. L. C.
9. ,, Koladi Rama Menon Avl.
10. ,, Ambat Kuttikrishna Menon Avl.
11. ,, R. P. Venketakrishna Ayyar Avl., B.A., B.L.
12. ,, P. C. Varkey Avl.
13. ,, C. A. Ouseph Avl., B.A. B.L.
14. The Personal Assistant to the Director of Food Supplies (Secretary)

(*b*) All the members of the Council except Nos. 1, 3, 8, 12 and 14 are producers of agricultural products.

PRICE OF PADDY

259. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the price paid for purchasing paddy from the agriculturist for the Kanni crops of 1119 and the present ruling rate of paddy in each Taluk;

(*b*) is there any difference in the wages in the agricultural labour between the last crop and the present crop ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) The price paid for the purchase of paddy from the agriculturists for the Kanni crop of 1119 is Rs. 1—6—0 per Mudra para throughout the State except in Chittur taluk where the purchase price of Anakomban paddy is fixed at Rs. 103—12—0 per cartload of 70 paras. This is also the present ruling rate.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)*: May I know, what exactly is the difference between the wages that exist now and the previous days ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In pre-war days a male cooly was getting about Rs. 1—4—0 whereas now it is about Rs. 1—8—0 and for the female cooly it was about 8 annas before and now it is about 10 annas.

CASE AGAINST Mr. P. K. KRISHNAN—INFORMATION ABOUT

260. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any proceedings making special mention of the case against Mr. P. K. Krishnan, M.L.C., then pending before the Special First Class Magistrate, Ernakulam ;

(*b*) when was the case against Mr. P. K. Krishnan, M.L.C., (under the Rationing Order) charge sheeted;

(*c*) when was it calendared and when disposed of;

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(*d*) what is the maximum period allowed to Magistrates for the disposal of First Class cases;

(*e*) if the proceedings in sub-division (*a*) are signed on behalf of the Government by any other than the Secretary to Government, the name and designation of the authority that has signed the same?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):*

(*a*) Government issued a Proceedings pointing out the necessity for a speedy disposal of criminal cases in general. The case then pending against Mr. P. K. Krishnan was pointed out as an instance of delay in the said Proceedings when Government's attention was drawn to the said case by a petition submitted by Mr. P. K. Krishnan.

(*b*) On 2nd Chingam 1119.

(*c*) Calendared on 23rd Kanni 1119 and disposed of on 14th Meenam 1119.

(*d*) Not fixed.

(*e*) Mr. T. R. Velunny, Assistant Secretary to Government.

TOLL ON VALLOMS

261. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the rate fixed for the toll on "Valloms" which pass through Mattancheri bridge and the Ernakulam bridge which connect Willingdon Island;

(*b*) what is the total amount received in 1118 and 1119?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) No toll is collected from valloms which pass through the Ernakulam and Mattancheri bridge.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* How many constables are posted there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* For what purpose they are posted there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* For the purpose of security of the bridge.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Then why are the boats detained there for inspection?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* As a precautionary measure.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* What precaution?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We cannot disclose any further information.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Government has investigated and found that a regular fee is collected from each vallom that passes through.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Government have no information.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to investigate the matter.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No complaint has so far been received by the Government.

MULLURKAYAL SCHEME—KOLE OWNERS—CONTRIBUTION OF

262. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the owners or cultivators of the Kole lands benefitted by the Mullurkayal Scheme are required to contribute any, and if so, what amounts towards the cost of compensation and pumping met by the Government;

(*b*) what is the amount realised in 1118 and 1119 M.E.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes. The whole amount spent by the Government is proposed to be recovered from the Kole owners as water cess in 1119.

(*b*) In view of the heavy loss sustained by the Kole owners due to the early cyclonic rains in 1118, the water cess due from the owners was waived. The amount for 1119 will be recovered soon.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnthukavu):* May I know what amount was actually spent in the year 1118?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

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